WINTER 2026-27 · LEAGUE INFORMATION & RULES

Dorset *Padel League*

Play at any venue that works for all four players.

ENTRY

Open now

Closes 4 November 2026

SEASON DATES

16 Nov to 17 Jan

Eight rounds plus a catch-up week

ENTRY FEE

£65 per team

One payment for the whole team. £50 if one of you played last season.

Enter with the online form. Press Enter now on your league's page at ukpadelleague.co.uk/leagues/dorset/. Scores are submitted in the Padelmates app.

Enter now

WELCOME TO DORSET

Weekly padel for teams of two, *at your level.*

Eight-week fixtures for teams of two, at your level. Enter your team online, arrange your matches with your opponents, submit your scores and follow the table.

1

Find your league

Choose the Dorset Padel League at ukpadelleague.co.uk.

2

Enter online

One of you fills in the entry form for both players and pays £65 for the team.

3

Compete at your level

Divisions are set by level after entries close.

4

Battle for promotion

Weekly fixtures against teams like you, with promotion and prizes to play for.

YOUR VENUE

You pick the venue

Play at any venue that works for you and your opponents, on any day and at any time that suits all four players. One player books the court and everyone pays their share. Courts can be booked on any platform.

WHO CAN PLAY?

Any level, beginner to advanced

Open to any pair looking for structured, weekly matches and friendly competition: men, women and mixed. Answer a few questions on the entry form about your level and experience and we will place you in a division that suits you.

Good to know

- One team, in one league, per player per season.
- Entry closes on **4 November 2026**. Divisions are confirmed before round 1 on 16 November 2026.
- Court hire is not included: players book their own courts and share the cost with their opponents. Players bring their own equipment and balls.
- Players aged 16 or 17 must have a parent or guardian with them at matches and league events, and a parent or guardian handles all communication with other teams.
- Marketing is optional. You only receive marketing if you tick the marketing box on the entry form.

Join your league's WhatsApp community at https://chat.whatsapp.com/FI4IeRjkppC1DunPVS6OEm. You do not need to register first.

HOW TO ENTER

Enter online *in five steps.*

This season this league does not use the Padel League UK app. You enter with an online form, and scores are submitted in the Padelmates app. One of you can enter for both players. From next season, every Padel League UK league will use the Padel League UK app.

1. **Open the entry form**
   Go to ukpadelleague.co.uk/leagues/dorset/ and press **Enter now**. The league's entry form opens in a new tab.

2. **Tell us about both players**
   Say whether you are new or played last season. Give each player's name, postcode, email address and mobile number, so we can place you in your local division. Use real details for both players, not a copy of Player 1.

3. **Answer the level questions**
   Playtomic level (optional), how long and how often you have played, your skill level and any tournaments. Honesty is the best policy: it helps us put you in the right division.

4. **Pay once for your team**
   £65 per team, and **one payment covers both players**. If one of you played last season, the team pays £50 using the payment link from last season's WhatsApp group (ask our team if you need it again). Always press **Submit**, or we will not receive your entry.

5. **You're in**
   Entry closes on 4 November 2026. We confirm your division before round 1 starts on 16 November 2026. Join your league's WhatsApp community now.

KEY DATES FOR DORSET

Entry	Entry closes	Round 1 starts	Season ends
Open now	4 November 2026	16 November 2026	17 January 2027

Need a partner?

Teams are two players, and you enter together on one form. If you do not have a partner yet, ask in your league's WhatsApp community: you do not need to register first.

Did a friend invite you?

Put their name in the "Name of friend referred" box on the entry form. It counts towards their League Ambassador rewards (see page 5).

DIVISIONS AND MATCHES

Divisions and *arranging matches.*

After entries close on 4 November 2026, we group teams by level into divisions of 6 to 9 pairs. **You play every pair in your division once.** Fixtures are released in rounds, and each round lasts one week. You can play on any day and at any time that works for you and your opponents.

Arranging your matches

1. **Join your division's WhatsApp group.** You will be placed in one once divisions are set.
2. **Reach out to your opponents** in the group, early, and agree a day and time that suits all four players.
3. **Book a court.** One player books the court, at any venue that works for everyone, and all players pay their share straight away.
4. **Play** and submit the result in the Padelmates app.

MATCH CAPTAINS

Every division uses match captains

To help with scheduling, the league uses a match captain system in every division. See the Padel League UK scheduling guide, shared on the WhatsApp group for your division, to see how it works.

AWAY OR INJURED?

Contact your opponents early to play the match ahead of schedule, or catch up later. Results count as long as they are submitted before the season deadline.

Golden rules of match scheduling

1. Be proactive. Do not wait for others to organise your match. Contact each opponent weeks in advance and book courts as soon as they are released.

2. Do not leave people on read. A quick reply shows respect and keeps the match on track.

3. Be flexible. Offer options, suggest alternatives and find a time that works for everyone.

4. Communicate clearly. Use BOTH the WhatsApp group and the Padelmates chat. If you cannot make a suggested time, say so.

5. Aim to play every match. Playing is the only guaranteed way to earn points. Forfeits should be rare.

6. Organise early. The best league experience is always had by the players who organise their matches early.

SCORES, TABLES AND PRIZES

Scores, tables and *promotion.*

Submit your score

After your match, submit the set scores in the Padelmates app. Settle any disagreement about a result between yourselves first, before the scores are publicised and the league table is updated.

How points work

Every match is 3 sets and every set won earns **2 points**, so a 3–0 win earns 6 points. Always play the third set, even at 2–0, because points are still available. An incomplete set is recorded as 1 point each.

SET 1	SET 2	SET 3
6–4	3–6	6–2
+2 pts	+0 pts	+2 pts

Your team 4 points · opponents 2 points. Standard padel scoring applies. We recommend the golden point rule at 40–40.

Top 2 go up

The top 2 teams of each division earn promotion.

Winners win prizes

Division winners win padel prizes such as gift cards for gear and clothing. Overall winners win the Dorset Padel League trophy.

Bottom teams drop

The bottom 2 teams move down to the league below.

LEAGUE AMBASSADORS

Tell your friends. Earn rewards.

Every friend you bring along moves you up a tier. Rewards never reset, are sent once per season, and ambassadors must be existing players this season. Friends give your name in the “Name of friend referred” box on the entry form.

1 friend	3 friends	5 friends	10 friends	20 friends	50 friends
£10 league credit	Velozia T-shirt	£30 Everything Padel gift card	£75 multi-brand voucher	£150 sponsor gift voucher	Mega racket and gear bundle

PLAY AGAINST THE BEST

Qualify for the Masters Series

Top teams each year from every Padel League UK league are invited to the Masters Series, with the chance to win £1,000 per winning team. There is no application: finish near the top and we will contact you. Everyone can watch the Finals: Saturday 28 November 2026, 2pm to 8pm at Padel Up Teesside.

FAQS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Questions *answered.*

How do I enter?
Press Enter now on your league's page at ukpadelleague.co.uk/leagues/dorset/ and fill in the entry form for both players. This season the league does not use the Padel League UK app; from next season every league will.

How much does entry cost?
£65 per team, paid once for both players when you submit the form, or £50 if one of you played last season (use last season's WhatsApp payment link). Court hire is not included. Players bring their own equipment and balls.

Where are the matches?
Play at any venue that works for you and your opponents. Players book and pay for their own courts.

When are the matches?
Fixtures are released in rounds. Each round lasts one week. You can play on any day and at any time that works for you and your opponents.

How are matches organised?
You are placed in a WhatsApp group for your division. Reach out to your opponents in the group to organise your match. One player books the court, and all players pay their share. Results are submitted in the Padelmates app.

Do I need a partner?
Yes, teams are two players, and you enter together on one form. If you need a partner, ask in your league's WhatsApp community.

What if I am away or injured?
Contact your opponents early to play the match ahead of schedule, or catch up later. If you cannot finish the league, ask Player Support about a new partner (see rule 14).

When are divisions decided?
After entries close on 4 November 2026. We group teams by level into divisions of 6 to 9 pairs.

How old do I have to be?
Players must be 16 or over. Players aged 16 or 17 need a parent or guardian with them at matches and league events, and a parent or guardian handles all communication with other teams.

Where do I get help?
Use the Player Support form at ukpadelleague.co.uk/player-support, or ask in your league's WhatsApp community.

> The league is operated and owned by Padel League Network Ltd (Padel League UK). We share your name and email with Padelmates to set up your account, and marketing is optional (withdraw consent any time: info@ukpadelleague.co.uk). Our privacy, refund and safeguarding policies are at ukpadelleague.co.uk.

LEAGUE RULES

The rules, *1 to 10.*

1 **Be proactive and accommodating.** Try to play your matches within the assigned gameweeks, and be accommodating of your opponents' availability where possible. All players should pay their share of the court hire immediately.

2 **Court bookings.** All court booking issues must be handled between players and the venue, and Padel League UK cannot be held responsible for any no-shows. Advance payment by all players should prevent issues. If you need to cancel and the booking player cannot get a refund for the court hire because it is last minute, please make sure the player who is not at fault is reimbursed. Padel League UK is not responsible for any loss resulting from match cancellations or any other aspect of playing in the league.

3 **Help and questions.** For any league issues or questions, please visit the Player Support section at ukpadelleague.co.uk. The league is operated and owned by Padel League UK.

4 **If you cannot reach a pair.** Reach out to both opponents using BOTH the WhatsApp group and the Padelmates chat. If you have not had a reply after 48 hours, try again, because messages can be missed. If you still hear nothing, contact Player Support at ukpadelleague.co.uk and the league administrators will encourage the opponents to engage.

5 **Unplayed matches.** If a match is not completed by the season deadline and neither team is clearly at fault (for example both sides failed to organise it, or availability is limited on both sides), 0 points are awarded to both sides. If you feel the other side was at fault, contact Player Support.

6 **Forfeits.** Forfeit points may be awarded only if one side cancels a prearranged match (a prearranged match means all 4 players have confirmed the day and time), one side willingly forfeits, or one side drops out of a match for any reason or is a no-show. Please still make every effort to be reasonable and rearrange. The team not at fault has no obligation to rearrange if availability does not allow.

7 **Away periods.** If you have planned time away, contact your opponents early for the affected rounds and take the initiative to rearrange. It is better to play early than late. Results count as long as they are submitted before the season deadline; please also contact Player Support.

8 **Organise early.** Players responsible for booking courts should know when courts are released and book early. Contact each opponent weeks in advance to find shared availability. The best league experience is always had by the participants who organise their matches early.

9 **Player withdrawal.** If a player withdraws, match outcomes are adjusted by the stage of withdrawal. If fewer than 50% of scheduled matches have been completed, all results involving the withdrawn player are recorded as forfeits. If more than 50% have been played, completed matches stand and only the remaining fixtures are forfeits. The league administrators reserve the right to decide what is fairest for all.

10 **Refunds.** The league cannot offer entry fee refunds after the sign-up deadline or because of issues scheduling matches with other players.

LEAGUE RULES · CONTINUED

The rules, *11 to 18.*

11 **Minimum age and guardian oversight.** All players must be 16 or over. Players aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent or guardian) during matches and league events. All communication about fixtures, disputes or league administration must be handled by the parent or guardian on the player's behalf, for appropriate safeguarding and accountability.

12 **WhatsApp groups.** Do not use the league WhatsApp groups for any commercial activity such as sharing adverts or promotions. To promote your business through the league, email sponsor@ukpadelleague.co.uk.

13 **Disagreements over results.** Players must come to an accurate and fair agreement, and resolve it before scores are publicised and the league table is updated. If there are any issues with results or outcomes, contact Player Support at ukpadelleague.co.uk.

14 **Injury or unable to finish.** A player who has an injury or cannot complete the league may contact Player Support to request a new partner. This is at the league administrator's discretion. The league allows one permanent partner swap per season. Temporary substitutions, for example for just one match, are not permitted.

15 **Late arrivals.** If a team is more than 10 minutes late and the match cannot be completed in the allotted time, the latecomer team forfeits the final set 6–0, so the team not at fault does not lose points. If the team not at fault is willing to arrange another game to complete the match, that is ideal, but they are not obliged to. If fault is disputed, players should try to resolve it between themselves before the league administrator steps in. The Dorset Padel League cannot be expected to cover court fees for no-shows.

16 **Scoring.** Standard padel scoring applies, and we recommend the golden point rule so that matches comprise 3 sets. Each set won awards 2 points: a 3–0 win earns the winning team 6 points. Players should play the third set even if the score is 2–0, as points are still available. An incomplete set is recorded as 1 point each. If the third set cannot be completed because of time, teams may opt for a tie-break (first to 7, win by 2). If no tie-break is played, each team receives 1 point for the incomplete set. Record a tie-break win for a set as 7–6 to the winning team.

17 **Respect.** Show respect at all times for your opponents, the venue and the game, and help create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. Refrain from time-wasting, disrespectful or abusive language, and over-the-top outbursts such as kicking balls away or smashing rackets. This is not an extensive list: we trust that none is needed when all players show respect. If there is a dispute about a call, play a let where possible. All complaints go through Player Support. Complaint 1: we check it, then give a verbal warning to the pair involved. Complaint 2: a written warning. Complaint 3: removal from the league with no refund. Padel League UK reserves the right to refuse entry to any pair for these reasons.

18 **Match captains.** To help with scheduling, the league uses a match captain system. This is a rule across all divisions. Please see the Padel League UK scheduling guide, shared on the WhatsApp group for your division, to see how it works.

Thank you for following these rules to make the league fun and competitive for everyone.